

Splendor In the Ordinary

Action Questions to Consider

THE HOUSEHOLD

- Do you find it difficult to think of your home, and the rooms in it, as hallowed/sacred?
- If you consider your home as a hallowed place, does that begin to change the way you think of your ordinary duties?
- Are there one or more ordinary duties that you find especially challenging to view in this light?
- Consider your home:
 - Is it cluttered? What areas are particular clutter pain points:

 - Are the objects within a room serving the purpose of that room?
 - Is the natural light in a room obstructed?
 - Quick tidy drill: can you tidy living spaces (family room, kitchen, dining area) in 15-20 minutes?
 - Do the children have a role in tidying and decluttering?
 - Is there order in the home so that everyone knows where to put an object away?
 - Have you considered the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent as particularly good times to declutter in order to give items away to bless another home?
- Do you find organization of material blessings a challenge? If so, why?
 - Are there any organizational pain points in your home?

- Does your current level of activity drown out your “bells” - the call within your vocation to do the next thing?
- Consider your days - now consider two different adjectives: busy | full. FULL implies that days have been prayerfully considered even though they may contain a significant level of activity. BUSY means that you react and go, react and go, with no consideration of the consequences of your schedule. Is your life busy or full? Considered or chaotic?
- List all of the outside the home activities you are committed to in a given week:

- Does your day have enough margin (free time) that you’re able to engage your children?
- Have you considered your ordinary duties as the kindling necessary to offer sacrifices to God?